

performers Chris Montez, Fabian, Johnny Tillotson and Kathy Young.

Since 1984, Nyla has served as the President of the Hollywood Arts Council, creating several programs such as the Children's Festival of the Arts and the Charlie Awards Luncheon, which is held annually. Through her unparalleled leadership, the Council has brought the arts to more than 15,000 elementary school children, and over 70,000 people who have attended the Children's Festival, which is also an annual event.

Nyla has served on numerous boards including the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and now serves on the board of the Los Feliz Improvement Association. She has received many well-deserved honors, including the Buddy Collette Award, the Award of Excellence by the Women's Club of Hollywood, and the Hollywood Star Award, which she received with her husband.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nyla Arslanian, for her exceptional service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF R.D.
"DAN" MUSSER

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life of R.D. "Dan" Musser, owner of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, who passed on at the age of 80 on April 13, 2013.

Born in Circleville, Ohio in 1932, Mr. Musser graduated from Dartmouth College and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After returning in 1951, Mr. Musser went to work at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan, which was owned by his family. In order not to show favoritism, his uncle W. Stewart Woodfill, who was the hotel's owner, had Mr. Musser work twice the number of hours other employees did while learning about the operations of the hotel.

Mr. Musser became the manager of the hotel in 1960, when he doubled the number of rooms in the establishment and extended the hours of the hotel during the summer season. Mr. and Mrs. Musser purchased the hotel from W. Stewart Woodfill in 1979.

During the Musser's ownership of the hotel, Mr. Musser worked to run the large hotel with an impeccable attention to detail and a level of personal service found in much smaller establishments. Mr. Musser often wrote over 50 handwritten notes to employees of the Grand Hotel a day regarding items needing attention. During his tenure as owner, the Grand Hotel became a National Historical Landmark in 1989.

In addition to his work at the Grand Hotel, Mr. Musser served as Chairman of the Michigan Travel Commission, Chairman of the Mackinac Island Public Works Commission, and was remembered as a civic pillar. When not working to improve the Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island, Mr. and Mrs. Musser also enjoyed raising show dogs, his Scottish terrier, Sadie earned the prestigious "Best in Show" at the 2010 American Kennel Club Dog Show.

Survived by his wife, three children, and seven grandchildren, Musser's great legacy in-

cludes building the Grand Hotel into what it is today and working to share Northern Michigan hospitality and beautiful summers with all citizens. On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District of Michigan, I wish to express my condolences to the Musser family and salute R.D. Musser's contribution to our state and country.

THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law more than 34 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan acknowledges and represents the many liberties and freedoms the United States holds dear, and is a dependable ally and friend in the Western Pacific.

Our countries share a strategic partnership. The United States should continue to support the ideals of Democracy and strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, a reliable partner in a very strategic part of the world.

HONORING THE COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor College of Central Florida men's basketball team for their heroic win in the NJCAA National Championship.

On March 23, 2013, the College of Central Florida Patriots faced Northwest Florida State in the NJCAA national championship game. Early on, the Patriots built a 15-point lead and managed to fend off a late charge by their opponents to bring back the school's first ever national championship in men's basketball.

During the game, Eugene McCrory scored 23 points and earned the Most Valuable Player award. Rasham Suarez also earned all-tournament honors for the school and Central Florida Coach Tim Ryan won the award for the tournament's best coach.

The win makes the Patriots the third team from Florida to win the national championship and it is the first such win for a Florida team in almost twenty years.

This historic win is a testament to what can be accomplished when sound leadership and hard work combine to pursue a specific goal. The win is a true credit to Coach Ryan and the entire CF community who rallied around these young men and helped them through till the final whistle.

The team has made our community very proud and I know that it is a sign of more good things to come in the years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI SHINK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Heidi Shink of West Hollywood, California, who for many years has been an avid community leader and political activist.

Heidi is an Advocacy Board Member for the National Council of Jewish Women, Vice President of Communications for the Stonewall Democratic Club, a Commissioner for Human Services in the City of West Hollywood, a liaison to West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board, and Board Member of Liberty Hill's Community Funding Board, Victory Fund's Campaign Board, Democrats For Israel, and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, Heidi ran as a candidate and was elected to the California Democratic Party's State Central Committee.

Heidi Shink has had a dynamic and multi-dimensional professional career. After graduating from New York University, she landed a record deal with her band, Ceremony. She performed for audiences worldwide, as a co-lead singer, along with Chaz Bono. After working with the band for a decade, she became a Senior Producer at the E! Entertainment Network. Heidi has also co-authored a health book titled 3 Minutes to a Pain-Free Life (Simon & Schuster, 2006) and a wine guide titled Wineology (Globe Pequot Press, 2012). Heidi is a writer for the Huffington Post Gay Voices and hosts "The Shink Tank: Politics for the People" on CBS radio and LATALKLIVE.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Heidi Shink.

JANEICE LONGORIA—A SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR OUR PORTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the newest Chairman of the Port of Houston Commission, the first woman ever appointed to the position, Janeice Longoria. In my role as the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional PORTS Caucus, I have enjoyed working with the Port of Houston and was delighted to learn of Janeice's appointment back in January. Since she first joined the Port Commission in 2002, Janeice has been an effective advocate for the port. She has also been a strong voice for businesses along the ship channel and within port-related industries.

Just a few weeks ago, Chairman Longoria joined me and several Texas-based companies at a roundtable event that I hosted at the Port of Houston to help raise awareness about the need for Custom and Border Protection